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SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Dec. 26, 1954. Marina, Lincoln Park, Twin Peaks, Sutro Forest, Land's End, Presidio, Golden Gate Park, Stern Grove, Treasure Island, Goat Island, San Francisco Bayshore, Pacific Ocean Beach, Lake Merced, Fleishhacker Area, Marin Shoreline, McLaren Park, and 12 smaller city parks.

Common Loon 6, Arctic Loon 5, Red-throated Loon 23, Unidentified Loons 1079, Red-necked Grebe 2, Horned Grebe 4, Eared Grebe 17, Western Grebe 697, Pied-billed Grebe 35, Brown Pelican 14, Double-crested Cormorant 244, Brandt Cormorant 830, Pelagic Cormorant 11, Great Blue Heron 4, American Egret 1, Black-crowned Night Heron 20, Canada (Cackling) Goose 1, White-fronted Goose 1, Ross Goose 1, Mallard 923, Gadwall 2, European Widgeon 1, American Widgeon 726, Pintail 19, Shoveller 23, Ring-necked Duck 47, Canvasback 81, Greater Scaup 56, Lesser Scaup 117, American Golden-eye 1, Oldsquaw 3, White-winged Scoter 31, Surf Scoter 1189, Ruddy Duck 279, Red-breasted Merganser 5, Sharp-shinned Hawk 2, Cooper Hawk 2, Red-tailed Hawk 10, Sparrow Hawk 39, California Quail 104, Florida Gallinule 2, American Coot 755, Snowy Plover 40, Killdeer 137, Black-bellied Plover 76, Surfbird 3, Black Turnstone 47, Wandering Tattler 1, Willet 48, Least Sandpiper 5, Red-backed Sandpiper 8, Western Sandpiper 300, Marbled Godwit 2, Sanderling 1198, Glaucous-winged Gull 2493, Western Gull 445, Herring Gull 17, California Gull 1419, Ring-billed Gull 252, Short-billed Gull 1585, Bonaparte Gull 51, Heermann Gull 36, Forster Tern 4, Common Murre 3, Band-tailed Pigeon 131, Mourning Dove 12, Anna Hummingbird 153, Belted Kingfisher 3, Red-shafted Flicker 92, Acorn Woodpecker 1, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1, Downy Woodpecker 8, Black Phoebe 37, Horned Lark 32, Scrub Jay 11, Common Raven 3, American Crow 3, Chestnut-backed Chickadee 68, Bush-tit 83, Red-breasted Nuthatch 25, Brown Creeper 2, Wren-tit 4, House Wren 1, Bewick Wren 7, Long-billed Marsh Wren 3, Robin 432, Varied Thrush 23, Hermit Thrush 91, Golden-crowned Kinglet 13, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 58, Water Pipit 12, Loggerhead Shrike 17, Hutton Vireo 6, Orange-crowned Warbler 3, Myrtle Warbler 1, Audubon Warbler 238, Townsend Warbler 2, Common Yellowthroat 12, House Sparrow 410, Western Meadowlark 181, Brewer Blackbird 489, Purple Finch 5, House Finch 1041, Pine Siskin 17, American Goldfinch 2, Lesser Goldfinch 24, Spotted Towhee 31, Brown Towhee 1, Savannah Sparrow 7, Lark Sparrow 1, Oregon Junco 641, White-crowned Sparrow 1063, Golden-crowned Sparrow 166, White-throated Sparrow 1, Fox Sparrow 209, Song Sparrow 141. Total, 115 species, 21,600 individuals.

Group leaders: Arthur Bennett, Laurence Curl, Harold Peterson, Frank Zografos, Jr., Joel Hedgpeth, Myra Browne, Carl Fox, Loris Smith, Carl Carson, Alexander Sprunt IV, Carlyle Sather, Peter Veitch, Richard Leinbach, Robert Chase, Raymond Hartney and Arthur Myer. Observers: May Barry, Leslie Bartow, Tyra Bartow, Sadie Bozant, Hallie Curl, Brian Daly, Mary Donald, Kenneth Drybread, Bruce Harris, Charles Hines, Jr., Leslie Hood, Mary Leinbach, Betty Lennon, Walter Lennon, Roberta Long, James McBride, Thomas Oczkewecz, Agnes Oczkewecz, Mrs. Pratt Palmer, Margaret Peterson, Chester Poranski, Jr., Mrs. Loris Smith, Kenneth Stallcup, Marie Sterne, Mr. and Mrs. Derwent Suthers, Steven Wilhelm, John Winter, Blanche Wallace, Robert Wise, Minnie Young. Total, 47 observers.

— ARTHUR H. MYER, *Compiler.*

OAKLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Jan. 2, 1955. Fifteen mile diameter circle centered near Lake Temescal, and including Bay Farm Island, Point Isabel, Bear Creek Road, Lafayette, St. Mary's College, and Mills College.

Red-throated Loon 6, Loon, sp.? 1, Red-necked Grebe 1, Horned Grebe 10, Eared Grebe 87, Western Grebe 118, Pied-billed Grebe 31, Brown Pelican 3, Double-crested Cormorant 166, Cormorant, sp.? 8, Great Blue Heron 26, American Egret 28, Snowy Egret 2, Green Heron 2, Black-crowned Night Heron 28, Canada Goose 1100 (4 Cackling), White-fronted Goose 8, Snow Goose 100, Mallard 780, Am. Widgeon 400, Pintail 220, Green-winged Teal 33, Shoveller 29, Wood Duck 2, Ring-necked Duck 52, Canvas-back 2500, Greater Scaup 1, Lesser Scaup 90, Scaup, sp.? 670, Am. Golden-eye 92, Buffle-head 33, White-winged Scoter 11, Surf Scoter 164, Scoter, sp.? 10, Ruddy Duck 2400, Hooded Merganser 13, Am. Merganser 60, Red-breasted Merganser 5, Ducks, sp.? thousands, Turkey Vulture 19, Sharp-shinned Hawk 7, Cooper Hawk 4, Red-tailed Hawk 50, Marsh Hawk 5, Sparrow Hawk 64, Calif. Quail 250, Clapper Rail 4, Coot 1550, Snowy Plover 2, Ringed Plover 103, Killdeer 120, Black-bellied Plover 600, Black Turnstone 2, Wilson Snipe 2, Long-billed Curlew 5, Spotted Sandpiper 4, Willet 1175, Greater Yellow-legs 1, Least Sandpiper 575, Red-backed Sandpiper 4350, Dowitcher 37, Western Sandpiper 8100, Marbled Godwit 950, Sanderling 1550, Avocet 1650, Sandpipers, sp.? 2600, Glaucous-winged Gull 650, Western Gull 275, Herring Gull 560, Calif. Gull 550, Ring-billed Gull 400, Short-billed Gull 635, Bonaparte Gull 825, Gull, sp.? 1000, Forster Tern 110, Band-tailed Pigeon 3, Mourning Dove 125, Barn Owl 2, Horned Owl 10, Short-eared Owl 4, Anna Hummingbird 88, Belted Kingfisher 2, Yellow-shafted Flicker 1, Red-shafted Flicker 310, Acorn Woodpecker 18, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 10, Hairy Woodpecker, 3, Downy Woodpecker 11, Nuttall Woodpecker 9, Black Phoebe 19, Say Phoebe 8, Horned Lark 12, Steller Jay 90, Scrub Jay 280, Crow 8, Chestnut-backed Chickadee 91, Plain Titmouse 71, Bush-tit 480, White-breasted Nuthatch 16, Red-breasted Nuthatch 13, Wren-tit 93, Winter Wren 1, Bewick Wren 19, Mockingbird 12, Calif. Thrasher 2, Robin 12,400, Varied Thrush 175, Hermit Thrush 185, Western Bluebird 35, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, Golden-crowned Kinglet 11, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 85, Water Pipit 75, Cedar Waxwing 300, Loggerhead Shrike 28, Hutton Vireo 2, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Myrtle Warbler 3, Audubon Warbler 230, House Sparrow 750, Western Meadlowlark 265, Red-winged Blackbird 100, Brewer Blackbird 500, Brown-headed Cowbird 62, Purple Finch 31, House Finch 1700, Pine Siskin 120, Am. Goldfinch 11, Lesser Goldfinch 63, Spotted Towhee 125, Brown Towhee 600, Savannah Sparrow 12, Rufous-crowned Sparrow 3, Slate-colored Junco 1, Oregon Junco 1300, White-crowned Sparrow 1200, Golden-crowned Sparrow 480, White-throated Sparrow 1, Fox Sparrow 110, Song Sparrow 184. Total, 133 species (1 additional subspecies), about 61,034 individuals.

Olive Adams, Wm. Adams, Betty Adamson, Harry Adamson, Peter Aljian, Bill Baker, Fred Barnes, Philip Baukol, Dan Beach, Richard Beidleman, Arthur Bennett, Frank Bermudez, Albert Boles, Sadie Bozant, Myra Browne, Mrs. F. S. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Chapman, Howard Cogswell, Harold Connon, Paul Covel, Alan Craig, Hallie Curl, Laurence Curl, Brian Daly, Elma Dean, Mary Donald, Lynn Foree, Jack Guggolz, C. A. Harwell, Erlene Hevel, Frank Higgins, Margaret Houlihan, Mrs. Chas. Jones, Laurence Jones, Junea Kelly, Wm. Landels, L. R. Leinbach, Mary Leinbach, Donald MacDonald, Charles Mohr, Arthur Morely, Arthur Myer, Ethel Myer, Margaret Newbacher, Paul Opler, Harold Peterson, M. Peterson, Arlene Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pursell, Jean Pyle, Amy Rinehart, Elsie Roemer, Frank Scott, Lee Stallcup, Jean Stallcup, Kenneth Stallcup, Richard Stallcup, Sally Steller, Robert Traxler, Mrs. G. E. Troxell, Peter Veitch, Blanche Wallace, Henry Wagner, Thomas Wharton, Herbert Wong, Minnie Young. Total 68 observers.

— A. Laurence Curl, *Compiler.*

NOVEMBER TRIP TO ORINDA AND VICINITY

Approximately 35 participated in the trip to Orinda, San Pablo Reservoir and Bear Creek Road on Saturday, November 27. The weather, clear and mild, was as fine as you could ask for, and alone was worth the trip. Hooded Mergansers and Wood Ducks were both seen as well as 6 species of woodpeckers; a Lewis Woodpecker flew over near the Briones Valley Road just as we were heading homeward. The following 69 species were recorded: Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, American Egret, Canada Goose, Mallard, Baldpate, Pintail, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Canvas-back, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser, American Merganser, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Calif. Quail, Coot, Killdeer, Glaucous-winged Gull, Calif. Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Red-shafted Flicker, Acorn Woodpecker, Lewis Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Nuttall Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say Phoebe, Steller Jay, Scrub Jay, Crow, Plain Titmouse, Bush-tit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Wren-tit, Bewick Wren, Mockingbird, Robin, Varied Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Audubon Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer Blackbird, Purple Finch, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Spotted Towhee, Brown Towhee, Oregon Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

— PETER A. VEITCH, *Leader and Historian.*

NEW OFFICERS. The new officers elected at the January 13 meeting are listed in the box at the bottom of the back page. The Nominating Committee consisted of Mrs. Ethel Richardson, Carlyle Sather, and Arthur H. Myer, Chairman.

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome the following: from San Francisco, Richard Dobkowitz, M. Martinelli, Mrs. F. W. Matthaie, Arthur G. Norley, Jr.; from Oakland, Major General Lawrence C. Ames, Herold Connon, Thomas H. Harris, Harold G. Henningsen, Bruce Maiden; from Berkeley, Miss Lenora C. Clark, Mrs. Barrett N. Coates, Miss Eleanor Curtin, Dr. Philip Haims, Miss Nancy C. Harrison, Mrs. Beatrice Lewin, Mrs. Victor Lewin, Jr., Kenneth McClanaghan, Mrs. Ella T. Wood; from El Cerrito, Miss Aileen Bonstell; from Richmond, Mrs. R. H. Delahay; from Orinda, Miss Florence H. Cook; from Hayward, Miss Betty T. Azary; from San Bruno, Arthur J. Bennett; from Kentfield, Edward E. Gaspar; from Larkspur, Wm. S. Pier; from Mill Valley, Raymond P. Hartney; from Napa, Mrs. Sibyl Strohl; from Petaluma, Mrs. Dorie Craig; from Portland, Ore., Ronald J. Cronin.

The West Coast Audubon Convention will be held at Asilomar on April 2 - 5. The Cooper Ornithological Society will hold its annual meeting at Asilomar on April 21 - 23. The 36th Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held at Stillwater, Oklahoma on April 8 - 10. The American Ornithologists Union Meeting will be held in Boston on October 25 - 30. California Conservation Week will be March 7 to 14 and is sponsored by the California Conservation Council and Cooperators.

The Audubon Camp of California will meet for the eighth season at Sugar Bowl Lodge near Donner Summit. Five sessions have been scheduled: June 26—July 9; July 10 - 23; July 24—August 6; August 7 - 20; August 21—September 3. Further information may be obtained from the California office of the National Audubon Society (address on page 4).

BIG HUNT WITHOUT KILLS was the title of an article in the January 10 number of TIME about the Christmas Bird Counts. Accompanying the article were four pages of bird paintings by Dennis Puleston and a picture of Allan Cruickshank at an Osprey's nest.

AUDUBON FIELD NOTES for December contained the 18th Breeding Bird Census. California was not represented among the 40 published which included 4 from Mexico.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The 449th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in the Assembly Rom of the San Francisco Public Library, Civic Center, on February 10 at 7:30 p.m. Following the business meeting, Mr. John Thomas Howell, Curator of Botany of the California Academy of Sciences, will give an illustrated talk on "Plants Close Up", using some of Mr. Charles Webber's beautiful slides. Come and bring your friends.

— MRS. BUDD J. SMITH, *Program Chairman.*

FEBRUARY TRIP TO SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CRANE AREA

On Sunday, February 6, to Ritchie Ranch and other areas west of Lodi, San Joaquin County, where last year at this time excellent views were had of hundreds of Sandhill Cranes, many geese and ducks, and also gallinules, snipe, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-tailed Kites and a Prairie Falcon. Ferruginous Hawks are probable and American Rough-legs possible. The area is one of moist valley farmland with marshy ditches and tree-bordered sloughs, near the Mokelumne River. Note that this trip comes on the Sunday before the monthly meeting. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of State Route 12 (Isleton to Lodi road) and Thornton Road, which is marked by the Rodeo Inn and a service station on the s.w. corner. This point is 81 miles from Oakland via U.S. Route 40 to Fairfield and State Route 12 thence through Rio Vista, Isleton, and Terminous, being 6 miles east of Terminous and 7 miles west of U.S. Route 99. Leader, Dr. T. Eric Reynolds. Bring binoculars, telescope, lunch, warm clothing, and interested friends. Those needing transportation who can meet drivers enroute in the city and those able to take such passengers will be put in contact if both will call H. L. Cogswell, TR 3-6419, evenings.

FEBRUARY TRIP TO GRASS VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

On Saturday, February 26, to the new Grass Valley Regional Park east of Oakland, which contains areas of chaparral, oak-laurel woodlands, grassy hillsides, and Eucalyptus groves accessible on foot via easy trails and service roads. Upper San Leandro Reservoir nearby may be scanned from the road east of the park. Early arrivals among the summer residents, such as Allen's Humming birds and Orange-crowned Warblers, are expected as well as many wintering songbirds, hawks, etc. Meet at 9:15 a.m. at Mountain Boulevard and Anderson Ave. in Oakland, close to where Redwood Road joins a divided section of Mountain Boulevard. This point can be reached by Key System 15 bus from Oakland or Berkeley; from San Francisco take the N bus and transfer to the 15 bus at 35th Ave. and MacArthur Blvd. Transportation by private car from starting place, walking within park. Leader, Lee Stallcup, LO 9-3185.

— HOWARD L. COGSWELL, *Field Trips Chairman.*

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